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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Now, Senator, I don't know why persons choose, when they register, to register as independents, but there are lots of them. They...they, for whatever their reasons...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Leave me a minute left. I...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah. Okay. For whatever their reasons, there are lots of folks who do not want to declare an affiliation with either one of the major parties; in 2000, 153,000 of those folks. Now...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Maybe you can finish on your own time,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...because I'd like to make a point...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and you're helping me (laugh), from my perspect...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't have any problems with independent voters. The only thing that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...concerns me, the logic of this decision leads to everyone becoming independent and simply going in at primary time and say I, today, I want Democratic ballot or I want the Republican ballot or I want the Libertarian. I, philosophically, I think one of the things that's been a plus in this country is the two-party system. I don't even have a problem with a three-party system if that's...or four party, but I do, as I see around the world multiparty systems where